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**COUNTRY**

~~Country~~ (Russian Zone)

**SUBJECT**

**Importation of High-Quality Steels to the Russian  
State**

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1. In an effort to overcome the shortage of special steel, lathe steel, and other high-quality tool material, the Soviet Zone government specialists to arrange to import such steels from the West.
2. The Soviet Zone Government placed \$ 240,000, as a first installment, at the disposal of the specialists and promised that they would get a 20 percent commission. If possible, the steel was to be imported to the Soviet Zone of Germany through forwarding establishments in West Berlin.
3. [redacted] learned that the first contacts produced no results. It was stated, however, that [redacted], who moved from Dresden to West Berlin in June 1950, transacts such business on Soviet Zone Government orders. \*
4. Should it prove impossible to obtain steel in this manner, it is planned to have a Swiss purchaser buy the steel in Western Germany and then ship it by water via Amsterdam to Stralsund.

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